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INDIANA UTILITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION  
CAUSE NO. 42800

PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE COMMISSION )  
TO CONTINUE TO DECLINE TO EXERCISE, IN )  
PART, ITS JURISDICTION OVER, AND FOR )  
APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY )  
PROCEDURES RELATING TO, A FIXED GAS )  
BILL RIDER FOR GAS SALES CUSTOMERS )

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

On October 3, 2005, Petitioner Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO" or "Petitioner") filed an *Unopposed Motion to Extend Hearing Date* and an *Unopposed Motion to Consolidate Proceedings* (collectively "Motions").

In its Motions, the Petitioner indicates that on July 13, 2005, it filed a Verified Petition initiating Cause No. 42884. In that proceeding NIPSCO is seeking Commission approval of a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") which establishes a natural gas alternative regulatory plan ("ARP") pursuant to I.C. § 8-1-2.5-1, *et seq.* Paragraph 7 of the Agreement provides that, upon Commission approval, NIPSCO's Dependabill program will be modified and incorporated into the framework of the ARP. As the Agreement resolves all issues with respect to NIPSCO's Dependabill Program, NIPSCO believes it would be in the public interest to consolidate this matter with Cause No. 42884 for purposes of hearing on the issues.

The Presiding Officer having reviewed the Motions, and being duly advised in the premises, finds that the Motions should be GRANTED. This matter is hereby consolidated with Cause No. 42884 and continued to October 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. EST in Conference Center Room #32 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Storms".

Scott R. Storms, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: October 3, 2005